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PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Education
2. Safety
3. Health

Issues

Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county.

Health - Children's (0 - 19) physical and mental well-being in the county.

Lack of transportation for under privileged children to go to and from scheduled medical and dental appointments

Policy Council Action Steps:

- we are searching for revenue resources to provide these essential services through a transportation system
- there still remains a need for a developed central location where multiple services can be provided to families
- to establish an intervention program that educates teens on important issues such as teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, depression, and other teenage related issues

Safety - Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

To continually update the security preparations in all area schools and public facilities concerning the growing threat of terrorist and radical groups

Policy Council Action Steps:

- continually request state and federal resource materials and training
- implement a county wide training program for all area schools, offices and businesses
- to formulate action plans addressing growing safety concerns

To continue the collaborative effort with the county school system to ensure funding for the school resource officer

Policy Council Action Steps:

- to seek funding to provide for a resource officer to be placed in school within the county
- to provide the needed training for the resource officers to identify at risk and behavioral problem children, and effectively deal with their behavior

Education - Children learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

To identify at risk and multiple needs children at early ages, and to provide educational programs and resources

Policy Council Action Steps:

- implement an early intervention program for the county
- to develop training programs and materials to identify at risk and multiple needs children and their treatment
- continuing the collaborative effort of the agencies in the county including the mental health counselors and school resource officers

Educating teens on the consequences of deviant and unlawful behavior

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Making teenagers accountable and responsible for their behavior through a court ordered community service restitution program

Early Care and

Education - Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

Establish a program that offers parenting skills and support for new parents

Policy Council Action Steps:

- we are seeking the funding of a position for an intervention specialist for the county
- continuing a collaborative effort within the county to prevent child abuse and neglect
- continuing the collaborative effort within the county agencies and school system to provide resource and training for new parents

Economic Security

- Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

To work with state and county agencies in providing job skills for our area adults and teenagers in seeking employment with new industry

Policy Council Action Steps:

- we will continue to work with new industries, area schools, and state agencies in providing job skills and training to meet industry needs
- work toward expanding career day at area schools
- promote career education programs and teen placement

Parent Involvement and Skills

- Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

Lack of parental involvement in schools and general apathy

Policy Council Action Steps:

- promote family oriented events that promote parental involvement in area schools
- provide parenting skills classes and material to parents
- promote anger management and dispute resolution skills

Policy Recommendation

1. To promote parental involvement in schools and related activities.
2. To provide training, funding, and education in anger management and dispute resolutions.
3. To formulate action plans that address the growing safety concerns regarding terrorist threats.
4. To continue the community service restitution program which makes teens accountable for their behavior.

